Cougar Working Group

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Project Description

To create a citizen working group to assist the department by reviewing and providing input on strategies, proposals, and products relating to human-cougar conflicts.



Group Charter (purpose)

The primary purpose of the Working Group will be to focus on human/cougar conflict and cougar management as it relates to human-cougar interactions (e.g. small livestock depredation). The process includes:

1) Receive specific assignments or tasks from the Cougar Safety Team,

2) Coordinate discussion and strategy development by the Working Group for each task,

3) Disseminate ideas and suggestions of Working Group to the Cougar Safety Team through the department lead or department resource staff member.



Timeline

- Group to be established late June/early July 2021
- Quarterly Meetings
- Group "sunsets" end of June 2023



Representation

External (one representative from each <u>category)</u>:

- Hunter Organization
- Watchable Wildlife Organization
- Environmental Conservation Organization
- General Public Representative
- **Preservation Organization**
- Livestock/large/small ag community
- Researcher
- County Level Government Representative



Questions/Discussion



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